

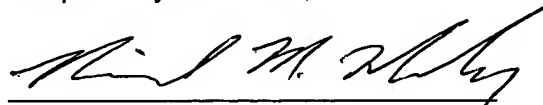
REMARKS:

In the Office Action mailed on December 9, 2005, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 to either Group I (claims 1 to 12) or Group II (claims 13 and 14). Applicant elects Group I (claims 1 to 12) without traverse.

The examiner also required an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 of a patentably distinct species of the invention from FIGS. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. It is noted that FIGS. 7 and 8 show the same embodiment wherein plugs 46 are shown installed in FIG. 7 and the plugs are shown withdrawn in FIG. 8. Applicant elects the species shown in FIG. 3 without traverse. Claims 1 to 3, 7, 8 and 10 to 12 read on the species of FIG. 3 and claims 1, 7, 10 and 11 are currently generic.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application. If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

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